

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

I. Please replace the Specification, pages 1 - 2, with the following amended Specification:

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A conventional collapsed umbrella, as shown in Figure 1 and 2, includes several ~~ribs~~ rib sections being pivoted in ~~linear~~ generally general linear alignment. When the umbrella is closed, as in Figure 3, the second rib section (2) and the third rib section (3), counted from outside, will contact ~~with~~ each other at the ~~pivoted position~~ at the pivot joining them. Hence, the umbrella ~~becomes a~~ remains slightly extended extension even in the closed state, thereby having that ~~has~~ a large volume. Though the umbrella can be forced into a more compact closed state, as shown in Figure 4 ~~to be shrunk~~, it will elastically ~~expand~~ expand to the structure ~~as shown~~ in Figure 3 as soon as ~~being it is~~ released. Because of the collision between the second rib section (2) and the third rib section (3) ~~as when~~ being folded, the collapsed (closed) umbrella can't be effectively ~~shrunk the closed~~ reduced in volume.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention ~~is~~ to provide an improved structure to overcome the drawback of the prior art, which uses a novel, pivoted structure to connect ~~with~~ the second and third rib sections in ~~collocate~~ side by side relationship. By that arrangement, ~~So~~ the closed volume of the collapsed umbrella will be effectively ~~shrunk~~ reduced. Now, accompanying with the following drawings, the character of the present invention will be described here and after.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a front plan view showing a conventional ~~collapsed~~ umbrella in an opened state.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the umbrella in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a front plan view of the umbrella of Figure 1 in a closed state.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the umbrella of Figure 3 being forced ~~for shrinking~~ into a further closed state.

Figure 5 is a front plan view showing an collapsed umbrella in an opened state according to the present invention.

Figure 6 is a top plan view of the umbrella in Figure 5.

Figure 7 is a front plan view of the umbrella of Figure 5 in semi-closed state.

Figure 8 is a front plan view of the umbrella of Figure 5 in a completely closed

state.

Figure 9 is a cut-away perspective view showing ~~parts of ribs~~ a joint of the ~~collapsed~~ umbrella according to the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

~~Please referring~~ Referring first to Figures 5 and 6 ~~firstly~~, the present invention is shown and relates to an improvement in the volume of a collapsed umbrella. In the following description, a five-folded umbrella is illustrated and it is not to limit the scope of the present invention. The character of the invention is to provide a joint (1) having a wide base for ~~pivoting with~~ pivotally joining the second rib section (2) and the third rib section (3), ~~being counted~~ counting the pivotally coupled rib sections from outside of the frame of the umbrella. As ~~[[, as]]~~ shown in Figure 9, the joint (1) is coupled to the second rib section (2) by two pins (11), (12), the pin (11) providing the pivotal coupling to third rib section (3), which is in side by side relationship with respectively. Accordingly, the second rib section (2) ~~and the third rib (3) will be in collision~~ within the base of the joint (1).

When the umbrella is closed, it will first be in the state of Figure 7 ~~firstly~~. Since the second rib section (2) and the third rib section (3) are side by side, they can be pivoted placed into a parallel position without ~~collocate collision therebetween, as being forced to be in the position of shown in Figure 8.~~ It can be ~~found~~ understood that the collapsed umbrella of the present invention can be ~~received~~ closed to have a reduced ~~with a shrunk~~ volume, effectively.

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Furthermore, it will be understood that the present invention can be used in a four-folded umbrella or a six-folded, or more, collapsed umbrella structure.